

Council actions today related to homelessness:

1. Directed City Atty to prepare amendments to LAMC to declare a state of emergency as it relates to the shelter crisis. This will allow Council to establish temporary shelters on public property. It will also remove the current requirements that shelters can only be opened no more than 120 days between Nov. 1 and March 31. City Atty will return to Council with these amendments. This is good step forward since shelters are part of a multi-faceted solution.
2. Directed the City Atty to report back with a legal framework for establishing parking programs in city owned lots to accommodate the homeless. This item was amended by CM Martinez to clarify that a Council District must OPT IN to have this program. This is an interesting/innovative approach and could work if the parking lot is well-operated and in an appropriate location.
3. Directed City Depts. (CAO, HCID and LAHSA) to report back in 30 days with a plan to locate and operate storage facilities citywide. Citywide storage facilities are critical to removing personal belongings from the public right - of- way.
4. Amended section 56.11 of the LAMC and directed the City Atty to return to Homelessness & Poverty and PW Committees with the updated ordinance and procedural guidelines for outreach and removal of goods.

The Council removed all criminal penalties which reduces litigation risk, limited the amount of attended personal property an individual can have to a 60 gallon trash container and will allow personal property in excess of a backpack (2 cubic feet) to be impounded when a voluntary storage facility is within 2 miles.

It also calls for tents to be deconstructed from 6am-9pm.

Approval of this ordinance will give the City clarity on the process to remove goods from the public right-of-way. It is expected to be at Council before winter recess.

5. Created a new account entitled Serving and Housing LA's Homeless and instructed the CLA and CAO to report back on a Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (spending plan) with \$100mil. of accessible city funds. This is expected to return to committee/council in January. The Council has already allocated \$16mil. and part of that is being used to keep the shelters open longer in preparation of El Nino.

6. Approved a homeless coordinator (czar) position and asked CAO/CLA to incorporate this position into the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

Both items 5 and 6 show the City's commitment to this issue. New resources are needed to tackle homelessness.